



The Citadel, as a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and a member of the Southern Conference, is responsible for insuring that you, our supporter, abide by the NCAA's rules and regulations. Under those rules, alumni and friends can be categorized as "representatives of The Citadel's athletic interests."

This brochure is presented as a quick reference to many NCAA rules, which apply to "athletics representatives." Since it does not include all relevant situations, please call The Citadel's athletics department if you have any questions before having any contact with a probable or enrolled cadet-student-athlete. We appreciate your interest and support, but remind you that any inappropriate contact or unintentional action on your part can risk the eligibility of cadet-student-athletes and prospects as well as the agreement status of The Citadel with NCAA and the Southern Conference.

The Citadel is proud to have your loyal support and continued interest in our athletic programs. As we strive for excellence together, we must always seek the highest standard of moral conduct. With your cooperation, we know that both goals are reachable.

The NCAA considers you a "representative of athletic interests" if you have ever:

- Been a member of the college's "booster" organization or any of the sport specific groups under the athletic department.
- Been employed by The Citadel either directly or indirectly.
- Made a donation to any of the Southern Conference member schools' men's or women's athletic programs.
- Helped to arrange or have provided summer employment for enrolled student-athletes.
- Contacted (by letter, telephone, or in person) a high school student, grades 9-12, for the purpose of encouraging the student to participate in The Citadel's athletic programs. (See Rule #1)
- Assisted in providing any benefit to enrolled student-athletes or their families.
- Been involved in any way with The Citadel's athletic programs.

The NCAA stipulates that once you have become an athletic representative you retain that identification forever, even if you no longer contribute to the athletic program.



Rules You Should Know



Only coaches and athletics department staff members can be involved in the recruiting process and only they may make contact (face-to-face conversations regarding playing for The Citadel) with potential athletes and their families. If you regularly attend high school or junior college events, do not initiate contact and refer questions to The Citadel and the athletics department.



You must not provide what the NCAA terms an "extrabenefit" or special arrangement to a prospect or an enrolled student-athlete.

SPECIFICALLY, YOU MAY NOT:

- Give cash or loans (or co-sign for a loan) in any amount.
- Employ relatives or friends of a prospect as an inducement for the enrollment of the prospect.
- Give gifts of any kind (i.e. birthday, Christmas, Valentine's Day) or free services (i.e. clothing, airline tickets, laundry, car repair, haircuts, meals in restaurants).
- Provide special discounts for goods or services.
- Provide hospitality other than in your home, and only then on an occasional basis.
- Provide transportation within or outside of the campus area. (i.e. around campus, from the airport to campus, etc.)
- Entertain or contact a prospect or prospect's family on or off campus.
- Provide rent-free or reduced rent housing.
- Provide a benefit connected with on- or off-campus housing (i.e. individual television sets or stereo equipment, specialized recreational facilities, etc.)
- Provide promise of financial aid for post-graduate education.

- Provide promise to a prospect of employment after college graduation.
- Use the name or picture of a cadet-student-athlete to advertise, recommend or promote sales, or use of a product or service of any kind. This specifically will jeopardize eligibility.

YOU MAY:

- Invite a current cadet-student-athlete to your home for a home-cooked meal only occasionally (i.e. Thanksgiving, birthday).
- Invite a team for dinner or to meet with a group of alumni in a city where they are competing. Arrangements for such an event need to be approved by the compliance office prior to the trip off campus.



Please notify the coaches of job possibilities. If you would like to employ a cadet-student-athlete, you may arrange the specifics through the Department of Athletics. You must pay cadet student-athletes employed by you only for work actually performed and at a rate commensurate with the going rate for similar services in the community and your own business.



Please continue pre-existing relationships with friends and family who have prospective or enrolled cadet-student-athletes (i.e. backyard barbecues, picnics, etc.). However, be aware you still should not begin to encourage a prospect's participation nor provide benefits to a cadet-student-athlete if you were not providing those same items before he or she became a prospect or enrolled cadet-student-athlete.



ASK BEFORE YOU ACT

**PLEASE CALL IF YOU HAVE
ANY CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS.**

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